GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL TRIBALS IN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to involve tribals in the process of carrying out development schemes of their areas in the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for greater involvement of tribals in such activities in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry and the Planning Commission have been constantly pursuing with the State Governments for utilization of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds commensurate to the agreed objectives.

The revised Guidelines issued by the Planning Commission on 18th June, 2014, inter alia, provides for review of TSP development programmes by Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabha on periodic intervals. The Guidelines further lay stress on the State Government for setting up its own 'Social Audit Programme' with the involvement of elected representatives, beneficiaries and reputed voluntary organisations / NGOs / CSOs.

The Ministry has also issued "Operational Guidelines for Formulation, Implementation and Monitoring of Tribal Sub-Plan and Article 275(1) grants" in the month of March, 2014 for effective implementation of Schemes administered by this Ministry wherein issue of institutionalizing the instruments for ensuring transparency, accountability and social audit have also been addressed.